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Madrid, Aug. 26. *N. S.*

THey have begun at this Court to put in Execution the late Order, for suppressing of Pensions and Supernumerary Offices; Among others, the King has taken away the Salaries that were paid to Count *Monterei* as President of the Supreme Council of *Flanders*, to Count *Oropessa* as President of *Castille*, to the Almirante as Master of the Horse, and to the Duke of *Montalto* upon the account of the Places he enjoyed; And the late Discourse, that these four Lords would be recalled from their Banishment, is now ceased. They talk of making a Reform in the King and Queen's Family. All the Military Officers here are ordered to repair forthwith to their respective Commands.

Rome, Sept. 6. The Pope continues in a very weak condition, and in all appearance is very near his end. The Cardinals of the Palace have renewed their Instances, that he would name the two Cardinals reserved in *Petto*, but they have not yet been able to perswade him to do it. He has given to Cardinal *Dasty* an Abbey in the State of *Milan* worth 1000 Crowns a year, vacant by the Death of Cardinal *Bonvisi*; and the Title of Archbishop of *Theodosia*, with a yearly Pension of 200 Crowns, to Signior *Gozadini*, who has excused himself from accepting the Bishoprick of *Osimo*, that he might not lose his Place of one of the Canons of St. *Peter*'s Church, and Secretary for the Briefs to Foreign Princes. The Cardinal *de Bouillon* appears resolved to take Possession of the Office of Dean of the College of Cardinals, in case the Pope dies before he can call a Consistory to confirm him in the said Office, in which he is encouraged by most of the Cardinals. The *French* Ambassador having some days ago invited all the College of Cardinals, except Cardinal *de Bouillon*, to be present in the Church of the *French* Nation, where a Solemn Mass was sung on the occasion of the Feast of St. *Lewis*, they were most of them unwilling to go, until the Cardinal *de Bouillon* desired them not to forbear appearing there upon his account.

From the King of Poland's *Camp before* Riga, *Sept.* 9. Our heavy Artillery being brought over the *Dana*, the King of *Poland* gave Directions for the placing it upon the several Batteries that were already prepared, which was done accordingly. On the 4th Instant, a Detachment of our Forces advanced near to the Town, where they cast up a Breast-work, without being otherwise interrupted by the Besieged than by the firing of their Cannon. On the 6th, every thing being in a readiness for the Bombarding of *Riga*, several Bombs were thrown by way of an Experiment, and did no great damage; The two days following were employed in mending what was amiss in the disposition of our Batteries, and placing our Morrars and Cannon; And this day we began to Bombard the Place with much Fury, but do not perceive that we have done any great Execution. Duke *Ferdinand* of *Courland* was sent some days ago with a Body of 1500 Men to make an Excursion into the Country of *Livonia*, and has since sent to the Camp several Head of Cattel, and is expected he will bring back a very considerable Booty. The last Advices concerning the *Swedish* Forces commanded by Count *Welling* say, they are at present near *Burnick*, about 15 *German* miles from this Place, in the way to *Narva*, and have strongly Intrenched themselves, intending to waite here for the Succours that are coming from *Finland*. Count *Welling* has publisht an Order, Commanding all the Country People thereabouts to provide themselves with Arms and Ammunition, and to be in a readiness to join him in case the *Saxons* should make an Excursion into those Parts. The King of *Poland* has received an account, that the Duke *de Croy* is arrived at *Plescow* with the *German* Officers in his Company, who are going to enter into the Czar of *Muscovy*'s Service; And the Discourse is renewed, that a good Body of *Muscovites* are coming to join us; but these Rumours have been spread so often, that we begin to give little credit to them.

Mittaw, Sept. 10. The States of Courland which were assembled here, are separated, having resolved to give the King of Poland a farther Supply of 200 Lasts of Corn, 200 Lasts of Oats, 400 Horses, and 1000 Oxen. About 3 or 4 days ago, a Rumour was spread in the King of Poland's Camp, that divers of the most considerable Gentlemen of Poland and Lithuania had declared against the Swedes, and were marching to join the Saxons with a Body of 6000 Men, But this is now contradicted by all our Advices from thence. The last Letters from the Camp say, they are Bombarding the Town, but hitherto with little effect; And the Swedes at the same time ply the Saxons very warmly with their Cannon. The Envoys from France and Brandenburgh have renewed their Instances to the King of Poland for Accommodating Matters with the King of Sweden; And we have Advice, that Count Straatman, who was one of the Emperor's Plenipotentiaries at the Treaty of Ryswick, is on his Journy hither, being sent by his Imperial Majesty with the Character of his Envoy to join with them in these good Offices.

Carelshaven, Sept. 12. The King of *Sweden* is come hither from *Helsinbourg*, to hasten the Preparations for the Transport of 10000 Men which are to be sent to *Livonia*, and will embark in this Port; Several Frigats that made part of the *Swedish* Fleet which is returned to *Carelscroon*, are appointed to be their Convoy. The King intends in 3 or 4 days to go to *Ystade*, where the Duke of *Holstein-Gottorp* is expected from *Holstein*, and from thence the King and his Highness will return to *Stockholm*, the Magistrates of which Place intend to make His Majesty a very magnificent Reception.

Elseneur, Sept. 16. The *Swedish* Fleet weighed Anchor on the 9th Instant, and passing by the *Danish* Fleet, saluted them with several Guns, which the *Danes* returned with an equal number, and the *Swedes* sailed with a fair Wind towards *Carelscroon*. The 10th the *English* and *Dutch* Squadrons passed through the *Sound*, in order to return home, but contrary Winds detained them under Coll till the 12th, when the Wind coming more favourable, they continued their Voyage.

Copenhagen, September 18. The King of *Denmark* found himself out of order five or six days ago, which he attributed to a Fall he had from his Horse as he was hunting, and did not forbear going abroad, but it has proved since to be the Small-pox, which are come out very kindly, and His Majesty is as well as can be expected. Our Advice-boats having brought an Account, that the *Swedish* Fleet is arrived at *Carelscroon*, Orders are given for laying up the *Danish* Fleet, and the biggest Ships are already entred into our Port, and unrigged. Admiral *Guldenleew* has been extream ill, but is now on the mending hand. The two Squadrons of Horse-Guards are returned hither from *Holstein*, and the rest of the *Danish* Forces which were in that Duchy are marching to their former Quarters. As soon as they